Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I cannot give any further answer.

President.—The Government member has answered that he is not able to further answer it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can you do it next time?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The reasons for it?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Because I feel that I won't be able.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can't we get a better expert?

(b) May I know whether they were in the skies?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No information on what ticket they came.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Aren't you expected to be aware of such things?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—For the public welfare of this country should not such things be in the know of the Government?

(c) May I know the reasons for this finding?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Government did not consider it necessary to have a labour constituency. Labour is not well organised.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Isn't it organised at all? There was some association.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Association is not organisation.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then what is an organisation, please?

(d) Am I to understand that irrelevant answers may be given by the Government Members? I want a ruling from the Chair whether it is to be answered. Labour controls the world to-day.

President.—Any other question?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—None about that.

Longevity of life.

127. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the average longevity of life of a Cochinite and an Englishman;

(b) the economic reasons for the disparity in (a);

(c) the programme of work the Government have to annihilate the disparity in (a)?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Mean Average.

Cochinite.	*Englishman.*
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(b) The disparity does not lie in any special economic factor. It is due to the sum total of several factors as heridity, racial peculiarity, climatic conditions, physical exercise, nature of food taken, general health of the population, prevalence or absence of epidemic diseases, general hygienic consciousness, corporate sanitation as against individual cleanliness, general standard of living, freedom from superstition and living a more rational life.

(c) Government are doing whatever is possible through education, health propaganda lectures, vaccination, hospitals and dispensaries, public wells, Municipalities, &c.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that economic factor has no bearing whatsoever in the matter?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Economic factor is one of the factors, but it is not the only factor.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Why don't you mention that, please?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are other more important matters?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Economic factor is the least important?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I think so, because a rich man does not live long (laughter).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(c) Would you please tell me what more can you do?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The result of all these things cannot be seen in a day. It will be seen only in course of time.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that you cannot foresee and do anything more? Are these the only things, you can do? Does this exhaust the list of your action?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Later on there may be some more brought to the attention of the Government. But no order of the Government is going to increase the longevity of life.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—We want some experts to work for the public.

Starvation—suicide.

128. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what guarantee against starvation they have made before enacting the laws governing suicide;

(b) how they intend to mend the incongruity suggested in a?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) and (b) the question is not intelligible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that I was speaking Greek?

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